

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **July 8, 2003**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **4**

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Airport Runway 4 Extension, Phase I, Environmental Assessment**

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute Environmental Assessment grant agreements.

SUMMARY:

With the recent approval by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Runway 4 at Lynchburg Regional Airport to be extended from 5,799 feet to 6,800 feet, the airport is now free to move forward with the initial, pre-construction phase of the project. The first step in this process involves a complete Environmental Assessment (EA) of the site, with the EA programmed to start during federal fiscal year 2003. In order to meet the federal deadline of August 28, 2003 for City acceptance of the FAA grant for the EA phase, however, the airport is requesting that Council authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement in advance of the grant award. This action will allow sufficient time to solicit proposals for qualified consultants, coordinate selection with the FAA and still meet the deadline. Following this selection and subsequent grant execution, it is anticipated that a separate Council report to appropriate the actual grant funds will be brought before City Council at a future date.

The timetable for this four-phase project is as follows:

Phase I	Environmental Assessment	FY03 & 04
Phase II	Land Acquisition	FY04 & FY05
Phase III	Design Engineering	FY04 & FY05
Phase IV	Construction	FY05

PRIOR ACTION(S): none

FISCAL IMPACT: No impact to Airport operating budget. Federal entitlement and discretionary funds will provide 90% of the cost and the remaining 10% will be provided by available state entitlement funds.

CONTACT(S): Mark F. Courtney 582-1150 extension 222 Airport Manager

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY: lkp

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED That the City Manager is authorized to execute grant agreements relating to the Airport Runway Extension Project – Phase I (Environmental Assessment) between the City and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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